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1. SUMMARY: THE GOF HAS PROPOSED THREE ALTERNATIVE METHODS FOR ELIMINATING QRS ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES. EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT CHOICE OF METHOD IS ESSENTIALLY AN INTERNAL FRENCH PROBLEM AND RECOMMENDS THIS BE OUR RESPONSE TO FRENCH PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. SERGE NORMAND, IN CHARGE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AT THE DIRECTORATE OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS, MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE, ASKED US TO MEET WITH HIM MARCH 12 TO DISCUSS ARTICLE XXIII QUESTIONS. NORMAND REFERRED TO THE EXCHANGE OF AIDE-MEMOIRES WE HAD WITH GOF IN 1973 (GOF AIDE-MEMOIRE OF MARCH 28 AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY AIDE-MEMOIRE OF MAY 21). HE ASSURED US THAT GOF INTENDS TO CARRY OUT COMMITMENT IT MADE TO ELIMI-

NATE QRS ON DRIED AND DEHYDRATED VEGETABLES, CANNED TOMATOES, TOMATO JUICE, AND CANNED FRUITS. ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES HAD DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION BEYOND JANUARY 1, 1975, DATE ORIGINALLY FORESEEN FOR ABOLITION OF QRS.

3. NORMAND SAID THERE WERE FOUR WAYS FOR GOF TO PROCEED. (A) THERE COULD BE A LEGAL LIBERALIZATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WHICH WOULD ABOLISH ALL LICENSING. HE SAID IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT WITHIN GOF FOR THIS COURSE OF ACTION. LICENSING MUST BE RETAINED ON INSISTENCE OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. (B) PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE TO IMPORTERS THAT LICENSES COULD BE OBTAINED FOR THE PRODUCTS IN QUESTION. LICENSES WOULD BE ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. THROUGH A SEPARATE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WE COULD BE ASSURED THAT LICENSES WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO QUOTAS ON U.S. PRODUCTS. (C) PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE TO IMPORTERS THAT LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY BY CUSTOMS FOR U.S. PRODUCTS. NO VISA BY THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WOULD BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSES. (D) PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE TO IMPORTERS THAT LICENSES FOR U.S. PRODUCTS WOULD BE ISSUED BY CUSTOMS WITHOUT AN AGRICULTURE VISA. NO MENTION WOULD BE MADE THAT LICENSES WOULD BE AUTOMATIC. THE LATTER POINT WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE ASSURANCE TO THE U.S.G.

4. WE SAID, IN EFFECT, WHY ASK US? IT SEEMED TO BE A MATTER FOR THE GOF TO WORK OUT AMONG THE MINISTRIES CONCERNED. WE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO RELAY THE ALTERNATIVES TO WASHINGTON TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE USG WISHED TO EXPRESS A PREFERENCE. THE CURRENT PROCEDURE IS FOR AGRICULTURE TO ISSUE LICENSES WITHIN QUOTA LIMITS.

5. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO TELL THE GOF THAT WE CONSIDER THEY HAVE A COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATE THE QRS. IT IS UP TO THEM TO USE WHATEVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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METHOD THEY BELIEVE TO BE APPROPRIATE TO ACHIEVE THIS.
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